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In re application of:

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DECISION ON PETITION

Serial No.: 09/950,274

Filed: July 13, 2001

For: A COUNTINUOUS IN-LINE PLEATING
APPARATUS AND PROCESS

This is a decision on the petition received by fax on September 17, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 28, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned October 30, 2001.

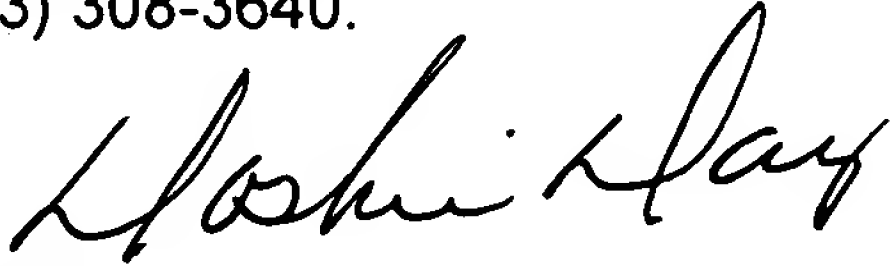
On September 17, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on September 17, 2001.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on September 17, 2001.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 3721.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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